

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please cancel Claim 38 without prejudice or disclaimer of subject matter and amend the claims as shown below. The claims, as pending in the subject application, read as follows:

1. to 36. (Canceled)

37. (Currently Amended) An online service system comprising:
a client terminal;
a transfer server; and
a plurality of service providing apparatuses each capable of communicating via a network,

wherein the client terminal is connected with a printer, and the client terminal comprises:

a display unit that automatically displays a status screen on a display when print processing is begun, the status screen including a support instruction unit;
a first acquisition unit that acquires information indicating a purchase place of the printer via a printer driver of the printer;
an a second acquisition unit that acquires, as accessory information, information indicating ink remaining amount of the printer when the support instruction unit is operated and a printer driver language of the printer while the printer is executing printing;

a first transmission unit that transmits additional information including the information indicating the ink remaining amount of the printer and the information indicating the purchase place of the printer the acquired accessory information to the transfer server by using adding the additional information to a first address for accessing the transfer server, the accessory information being added to the first address;

a reception unit that receives, from the transfer server, a second address to which the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer of the additional information is added by the transfer server, the second address for accessing a service providing apparatus designated by the transfer server; and

a second transmission unit that transmits the accessory information added to the second address to the designated service providing apparatus by accessing the service providing apparatus using the second address to which the information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added,

wherein the transfer server comprises:

an address generation a designation unit that designates one of the plurality of service providing apparatuses based on the printer driver language of the printer among the accessory information indicating at least the purchase place of the printer of the additional information added to the first address;

an addition unit that adds the information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer of the additional information to the second, and generates the second address by adding the accessory information to an address for accessing the designated service providing apparatus; and

a notification unit that notifies the client terminal of the second address to which the information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added by the addition unit, and

wherein the service providing apparatus comprises:

a screen information generation unit that generates screen information of the accessories on the ink of the printer based on the accessory information added to the second address by the addition unit, when the service providing apparatus is accessed by using the second address to which the information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added is received from the client terminal; and

a screen information transmission unit that transmits the generated screen information to the client terminal.

38. (Canceled)

39. (Previously Presented) The system according to claim 37, wherein the screen information generation unit generates the screen information for displaying icons corresponding to the ink remaining amount.

40. (Canceled)

41. (Currently Amended) A client terminal connected with a printer and being capable of communicating with a transfer server and a service providing apparatus, the client terminal comprising:

a first acquisition unit that acquires information indicating a purchase place of the printer via a printer driver of the printer;

a display unit that automatically displays a status screen on a display when print processing is begun, the status screen including a support instruction unit;

an a second acquisition unit that acquires, as accessory information indicating ink remaining amount of the printer when the support instruction unit is operated and a printer driver language of the printer while the printer is executing printing;

a first transmission unit that transmits additional information including the information indicating the ink remaining amount of the printer and the information indicating the purchase place of the printer the acquired accessory information to the transfer server by using adding the additional information to a first address for accessing the transfer server, the accessory information being added to the first address;

an address a first reception unit that receives, from the transfer server, a second address to which the accessory information added to the first address indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer of the additional information is added to the second address by the transfer server, the second address for accessing a service providing apparatus designated by the transfer server based on the information indicating at least the purchase place of the printer of the additional information added to the first address printer driver language of the printer among the accessory information;

a second transmission unit that transmits the accessory information added to the second address to the designated service providing apparatus by accessing the service providing apparatus using the second address to which the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added; and

a screen information second reception unit that receives screen information on the accessories ink of the printer from the service providing apparatus, the screen information being generated by the service providing apparatus based on the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer added to the second address transmitted by the second transmission unit; and
a display unit which displays the screen information on the ink of the printer received by the second reception unit on the display.

42. (Currently Amended) The client terminal according to claim 41, wherein

the accessory additional information further includes model information of the printer, and

the screen information on the accessories of the printer is generated by the service providing apparatus according to the information indicating the ink remaining amount information and the model information among the accessory of the additional information.

43. (Currently Amended) A method for a client terminal connected with a printer and being capable of communicating with a transfer server and a service providing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring information indicating a purchase place of the printer via a printer driver of the printer;

a first display step of automatically displaying a status screen on a display when print processing is begun, the status screen including a support instruction unit;

a second acquisition step of acquiring, as accessory information, information indicating ink remaining amount of the printer when the support instruction unit is operated and a printer driver language of the printer while the printer is executing printing;

a first transmission step of transmitting additional information including the information indicating the ink remaining amount of the printer and the information indicating the purchase place of the printer the acquired accessory information to the transfer server by using adding the additional information to a first address for accessing the transfer server, the accessory information being added to the first address;

a first reception step of receiving, from the transfer server, a second address to which the accessory information added to the first address indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer of the additional information is added to the second address by the transfer server, the second address for accessing a service providing apparatus designated by the transfer server based on the information indicating at least the purchase place of the printer of the additional information added to the first address printer driver language of the printer among the accessory information;

a second transmission step of transmitting the accessory information added to the second address to the designated service providing apparatus by accessing the service providing apparatus using the second address to which the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added; and

a second reception step of receiving screen information on the accessories ink of the printer from the service providing apparatus, the screen information being generated by the service providing apparatus based on the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer added to the second address transmitted by the second transmission step; and
a second display step of displaying the screen information on the ink of the printer received by the second reception step on the display.

44. (Currently Amended) A non-transitory computer-readable storage medium on which is stored a program for causing a computer to execute a method for a client terminal connected with a printer and being capable of communicating with a transfer server and a service providing apparatus, the method comprising:

a first acquisition step of acquiring information indicating a purchase place of the printer via a printer driver of the printer;

a first display step of automatically displaying a status screen on a display when print processing is begun, the status screen including a support instruction unit;

a second acquisition step of acquiring, as accessory information, information indicating ink remaining amount of the printer when the support instruction unit is operated and printer driver language of the printer while the printer is executing printing;

a first transmission step of transmitting additional information including the information indicating the ink remaining amount of the printer and the information indicating the purchase place of the printer the acquired accessory information to the

transfer server by using adding the additional information to a first address for accessing the transfer server; the accessory information being added to the first address;

a first reception step of receiving, from the transfer server, a second address to which the accessory information added to the first address indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer of the additional information is added to the second address by the transfer server, the second address for accessing a service providing apparatus designated by the transfer server based on the information indicating at least the purchase place of the printer of additional information added to the first address printer driver language of the printer among the accessory information;

a second transmission step of transmitting the accessory information added to the second address to the designated service providing apparatus by accessing the service providing apparatus using the second address to which the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer is added; and

a second reception step of receiving screen information on the accessories ink of the printer from the service providing apparatus, the screen information being generated by the service providing apparatus based on the accessory information indicating at least the ink remaining amount of the printer added to the second address transmitted by the second transmission step; and

a second display step of displaying the screen information on the ink of the printer received by the second reception step on the display.